Issue Brief – National Guard IT Services

SUMMARY

The National Guard has 70 State employees requiring IT services to manage the affairs of the Utah National Guard. Until recently these services were provided with Federal Funds. The federal government is no longer willing to provide funding for the State part of the National Guard IT functions.

The Analyst recommends that the Transportation, Environmental Quality, and National Guard Appropriations Subcommittee consider funding $54,300 from the General Fund as replacement of Federal Funds in the IT Services area of the Utah National Guard.

DISCUSSION

Current expenditure at the Utah National Guard for the 70 State employees' IT services is $101,500 for FY 2008. This funding provides LAN access, software licenses, and voice data monthly service expenditures. The Legislature appropriated $47,200 from the General Fund during the FY 2008 General Session to begin to address this challenge. The National Guard is requesting $54,300 from the General Fund to replace the remaining balance of the Federal Funds expended for this program.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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